

LEADS THE SOUTH IN COAL

West Virginia Takes First Place
In Output of Fuel.

PRODUCTION WAS ENORMOUS

Figures Just Compiled Show State's
Production for 1906 to Be

41,000,000 Tons.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Estimating the coal output of the United States in 1906 at about 430,000,000 tons, Mr. Frederick E. Seward, of New York, an authority in that field, presents in this week's issue of the Manufacturer's Record an estimate of the output in the southern states, as follows:

States.	Tons.
West Virginia	41,000,000
Alabama	12,250,000
Kentucky	8,250,000
Tennessee	6,250,000
Maryland	5,250,000
Virginia	4,760,000
Texas	1,350,000
Georgia	400,000

Total \$1,050,000

This estimate does not include about 2,000,000 tons of the Arkansas output, which would bring the total output of the south to nearly \$4,000,000 tons. But the figures mark the steady advance in coal production in a section of the country which in that particular has hardly been scratched. The past twelve months, though, have been notable for movements, especially in a wide territory embracing parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, designed to bring into the industrial market vast stores of fuel. Typical of these are the operations centering about Jellico on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky. Special correspondence from there in the Manufacturer's Record says:

On either side of the Kentucky-Tennessee line some vast coal developments are now under way and an immense coal tonnage is being gotten out. The building of new railroads has brought coal fields in touch with the development forces and about 25 new mining operations have been started during the past year. On the Kentucky side in Whitley county the Bird's-eye Railroad has been constructed seven miles into the coal fields and the building of the Louisville & Nashville extension from this city to Knoxville opened vast coal fields on the Tennessee side. The construction of a twelve-mile railroad up the Clear Fork of Cumberland river brought an extensive field in touch with the development, several important mines have been opened and shipments have already assumed large proportions. Other openings will be made during the coming year. Another railroad extension is now under construction from southeastern Kentucky to Jellico. This is the Cumberland railroad, which will extend thirty-six miles through rich coal fields. Ten miles are complete and in operation, and a large force of men is engaged in grading, track-laying and boring tunnels for the remaining distance. Five operations have already been started along that line.

To get into touch with coal is a main motive in railroad construction involving an expenditure of millions of dollars in eastern Kentucky, south-west Virginia, east Tennessee and western North Carolina. This construction is an important part of the work that is adding from 2,000 to 2,500 miles to the railroad systems of the south each year and providing the means for a utilization of its wonderful latent resources of power. Another source, its streams, is also being utilized and among the latest projects is that for making available electrically nearly 100,000 horse-power in the Tennessee river at Muscle Shoals in northern Alabama, and the development of other water power in the Piedmont south.

STOLE HIS FENCE POSTS.

Mr. E. D. Rauch the Victim of a Peculiar Depredation.

Mr. E. D. Rauch, the well known Arden district farmer, is on the lookout for some miscreant who visited his place a day or two ago and committed an unusual depredation. Mr. Rauch some time ago erected a new wire fence along the public road going past his place and at several points fastened the wire to young pine trees. Some person in search of Christmas trees decided that these were just what he wanted, and deliberately tore the wire fence away, cut down the trees and made off with them, leaving the wire lying on the ground. Mr. Rauch says he would have given the party all the trees he wanted, but didn't like the idea of having his property destroyed in that manner.

She Calls It.
Friend (cautiously)—Does your wife play cards, Jiblets?
Jiblets (cautiously)—Well, she knows how to call a little poker bluff.

SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED.

COUNTY COURT NAMES STEWARD
FOR THE ALMSHOUSE.

Mr. Thomas A. Brown, of Gerrardstown District, to Succeed Mr.

Bartles in the Spring.

At the session of the Berkeley county court Friday afternoon, the resignation of Mr. D. O. Bartles, superintendent of the county asylum, was accepted, to take effect April 1, and the court immediately appointed Mr. Thomas A. Brown, to the position, and he will take charge immediately upon the retirement of Mr. Bartles.

Mr. Brown is a well known farmer of the Gerrardstown district, residing near the mountain along the Tuscarora road. He is a democrat in politics, and was strongly backed by his friends for the appointment. He will serve for one year, at which time the county court will appoint his successor who will be a republican, as the political complexion of the court will have changed by that time.

The court appointed Dr. A. J. Lemaster, of Bedington, to the position of parish physician for the Hedgesville district, in place of Dr. J. H. Oliver, resigned.

The court adjourned Friday evening to meet on Thursday, December 27, at which time the question of the proposed bridge across the Opequon at the Sulphur Spring ford will be definitely settled.

MET TRAGIC DEATH.

Foreigner Killed by Train at Duffields on Friday.

Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 17, with Engineer Trout, of this city, at the throttle, ran over a man lying on the track at Duffields at noon Friday. The train was stopped and an investigation made, when it was found that the body was cold, and the man had evidently been dead for some time. The dead man is thought to have been a foreigner named Nicely, and is thought to have fallen from a freight train earlier in the day. The body was placed in charge of a section man, and will probably be buried by the company.

A Cruel Insinuation.

Careless Acquaintance—How about that man you operated on for appendicitis last spring?

Young Physician (nervously)—Don't talk shop so. Let's bury the subject.

Careless Acquaintance—Good gracious, man! You don't mean to say they haven't buried him yet?

New Year's Rush.

"You seem busy?" Interrogated the caller in the drug store.
"Exceedingly," replied the druggist.
"Many patrons dropping in?"
"I should say so. We gave out 1,000 patent-medicine almanacs and 900 soothing-syrup calendars in two hours."

PUBLIC SALE

—Of—

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Committee for Mrs. Rebecca Graff by a decree of the Circuit Court of Berkeley County, West Virginia, entered in the chancery cause of Clarence E. Martin, Committee, vs. Daniel B. Lucas, et al., on December 1st, 1906, the undersigned committee will offer at public sale at the front door of the County Court House, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1907 at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, situate in Opequon district, Berkeley county, West Virginia, containing

88 Acres, 2 Rods and 5 Square Perches and being the same real estate that was assigned to Mrs. Rebecca Graff, containing 101 acres, 2 rods and 29 perches, in the chancery cause of Daniel Miller & Company vs. Thomas Turner, et al., less 13.4 acres, subsequently conveyed to Dr. J. W. McSherry, leaving 88 acres 2 rods and 5 square perches, as aforesaid.

This is good limestone land, in good condition, without improvements and possession can be given immediately.

Terms of Sale.

One-third of the purchase price cash on the day of sale, and the balance in two equal annual payments, with interest from day of sale, the purchaser giving his negotiable notes for the deferred payments, bearing interest from date, and the title to be retained until said notes are paid.

CLARENCE E. MARTIN,
Committee.

State of West Virginia, County of Berkeley, to-wit:

I, L. DeW. Gerhardt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Berkeley County West Virginia, do certify that Clarence E. Martin, Committee for Mrs. Rebecca Graff, has given bond as required by the aforesaid decree.

L. DeW. GERHARDT, Clerk.

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Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

Discount Day, Tuesday

SEED WHEAT

Foster's Improved Longberry.

This variety of wheat was brought to this country last season by Sen. C. J. Faulkner, has proven to be an enormous yielder. For sale by

T. P. Licklider,
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Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Berkeley section of the Martinsburg and Winchester turnpike company will be held at the office of the company in the Flick building, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing seven directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly be done in a stockholders' meeting.

P. R. HARRISON,
Secretary.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Charles M. Stump Accused of
Passing a Worthless Check.

ALSO WANTED IN BALTIMORE

Passed Two Checks There Before
Coming to Martinsburg—Son of a Prominent Minister.

Charles M. Stump, a son of a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, a native of Berkeley county and a member of one of the oldest and most respectable families in this section, is held behind prison bars in this city to answer to a charge of having passed a worthless check on a well known Martinsburg merchant.

Stump is also wanted by the police of Baltimore to answer a similar charge, and the outcome of the affair may leave the young man disgraced before the world, with a term in prison staring him in the face.

Stump's arrest was caused by Mr. W. H. S. Spillman, the senior member of the firm of Spillman Bros., the Queen street grocers, who went before Justice Felker Monday afternoon and swore out a warrant, which charged the young man with having passed a worthless check on him on December 22.

The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Lomen, who placed Stump under arrest at the home of his uncle, Mr. Mack McKown, near Gerrardstown, about 5:30 o'clock Monday evening, just as the young man was about to leave for another part of the county.

The accused man was brought to this city and placed in jail. He had little to say concerning the charge, beyond the fact that he was drinking, and that was responsible for his trouble.

Wanted in Baltimore.

The young man is also wanted in Baltimore for passing a worthless check on Charles S. Bradley, who is connected with the Daniel Miller Co., and who swore out a warrant on Friday of last week for the arrest of Stump and placed it in the hands of Detective Hall, who has been looking for the young man since that time. Mr. Bradley stated that he had known Stump and his family for several years, and that he had cashed, without question, the check, which was for \$25 and drawn on the First National bank of Alexandria, Va., where Stump formerly lived. The Daniel Miller Co. also cashed a check for \$15 for Stump, which was drawn on the same bank. Both checks were returned to Baltimore with a statement to the effect that Stump had never had an account there. Stump left Baltimore before the police could locate him, and came directly to Martinsburg, where he proceeded to follow the tactics which had caused him to leave the Monumental City in a hurry.

Fondness for \$25 Checks.

The check cashed by Mr. Spillman was for \$25. He readily gave the young man the money, having been acquainted with him and his family for years, and not suspecting that the paper was worthless. The check was drawn, like the others, on the First National bank of Alexandria, and was deposited by Mr. Spillman in a local bank, forwarded to Alexandria for collection, and returned to Martinsburg protested.

Mr. Spillman took immediate action and the arrest of young Stump speedily followed.

It appears that Stump has a fondness for bogus checks for \$25. About two years ago he passed checks for this amount in this city, and they were cashed by the Citizens' National bank. Like the others they were drawn on the First National bank of Alexandria, where his father was a pastor, and both were returned with a statement that he had no funds there. The bank officials communicated with the young man's father, with the result that the matter was straightened out without recourse to law. Nothing more was heard of young Stump here until the present trouble cropped out.

Is of a Fine Family.

Young Stump is a son of Rev. J. P. Stump, a native of the Gerrardstown district, and for a number of years a prominent clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. His family is one of the old ones of this county, and the arrest of the young man on so serious a charge has created a profound sensation throughout this section.

Young Stump has been a wild lad for years. Notwithstanding example and precept, he has pursued a course that led the downward way, and has been wayward and convivial for years. A few days ago he arrived in this city, and having scattered the money realized from his bogus Baltimore checks, proceeded to raise more funds by the same means.

He will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Felker in a day or two, and if the matter here is settled satisfactorily to the defrauded parties he will probably be turned over to the Baltimore authorities to answer the charge against him in that city.

WAS A STRENUOUS TIME.

NEW YEAR'S EVE HERE PRODUCTIVE OF MUCH NOISE.

Big Crowd on the Street, and the Din Was of the Most Hideous and Explosive Character.

New Year's eve in Martinsburg will go down in history as one of the noisiest and roughest of recent years, eclipsing in that aspect even the celebration of two years ago, when dynamite was freely used by those who looked upon ordinary noises as entirely too tame.

The crowd assembled in the downtown section early in the evening, and the streets were not cleared until long after midnight. Early in the evening the character of the later celebration was indicated by the explosion of giant firecrackers and the burning of red lights along Queen street. There was considerable drinking on the part of the men and boys and frequent yells and other unseemly noises contributed additional din to the discordant celebration.

As the time drew near midnight a crowd of about 3,000 persons gathered about the "five points," where the usual bonfire was expected to be lighted as the clock struck 12. The entire police force and several special officers were on hand at this point, however, and no attempt was made to start the bonfire at the usual time. A small blaze was kindled by some young men at the corner of Hooge and Liberty streets, in the hope of drawing the officers to that point, and thus enabling others to assemble and light the material for the big fire at the railroad crossing, but the officers remained at their post until 2:30. Immediately after they left, however, the boxes and lumber was brought out and the bonfire kindled, but there were few to see it.

The advent of the new year was announced by nearly every shop and factory whistle in the city, the blasts, ranging from the pipe of the smaller whistles to the raucous notes of the hoarse-throated siren at the wagon works, mingling in a terrific din for 15 minutes, accompanied by the explosion of hundreds of torpedoes on the railroad tracks and scores of dynamite firecrackers in all sections of the city. Shortly thereafter the people dispersed, and the town resumed its usual quiet aspect.

SITE FOR RUMSEY MONUMENT.

Railroad Was Unable to Donate Tract

of Land Overlooking the Potomac.

Hon. George M. Belzhoover, jr., State Senator William Campbell and Mr. H. L. Snyder, a committee of the Rumsey society, have returned from Philadelphia, where they held a conference with Hon. Joseph I. Moran, chief counsel of the Norfolk & Western railway, concerning a site for the proposed monument to James Rumsey in Shepherdstown.

The railway company has agreed to transfer to the Rumsey society the tract of land at the bridge over the river at Shepherdstown, on which is the high, rocky promontory selected as the site for the monument, and the deed has been executed. The company had expected to donate the site, but owing to the fact that its property is all subject to a mortgage with very stringent conditions, it was obliged to charge for the land if a proper deed should be given.

Mr. Moran is interested in the Rumsey monument, and offered the suggestion that the quarry lot adjoining the monument site would be donated by the company, as this lot is not subject to the mortgage. As soon as the approaches to the new bridge have been established, and the railroad changed to its permanent location, the matter will be taken up and the property not used by the company will very likely be transferred to the society.

This would enable the society to form a handsome little park and recreation ground on the cliff overlooking the river, the monument to Rumsey being the chief attraction. The railroad officials are disposed to help the project in every way possible. Senator William Campbell will make an earnest effort to secure an additional appropriation from the legislature at its coming session, so as to permit the erection of a handsome monument to the inventor of the steamboat.

BOUGHT FINE HOME.

Attorney Snyder Purchased Residence of Rev. B. D. Floyd.

A deal has been consummated whereby Attorney D. W. Snyder, jr., becomes the owner of the handsome brick residence property of Rev. B. D. Floyd, located on West Burke street. This is one of the most desirable residences in that part of the city, and will make Mr. Snyder a splendid home. The price was \$5,000 cash. Mr. Snyder will remove to his new home April 1.

Its Meaning.

"There is one corps of the public service whose members always wear a fatigue uniform."
"Who are they?"
"Messenger boys."

PUBLIC SALE

—Of—

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Commissioner of School Lands for Berkeley county, West Virginia, by a decree entered on December 3rd, A. D., 1906, in the chancery cause of the State of West Virginia vs. James W. Smith, et al., pending before the Circuit Court of Berkeley County, West Virginia, the undersigned Commissioner of School Lands will sell at public auction, at the front door of the County Court House, in Berkeley County, West Virginia, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1907, at 1:30 p. m., the following described tracts of real estate:

First—The James W. Robinson or James W. Rutherford tract in Mill Creek District, containing

19 ACRES, 2 RODS, and 28 POLES, and being the same tract of land that was conveyed to him by James F. Entler, et ux., by deed dated November 22nd, 1886, and recorded in Deed Book No. 83, page 347. This tract is improved by a dwelling house.

Second—The tract of land in the name of John F. Wilson in Mill Creek district, consisting of

4 ACRES,

being the same land that was conveyed to him by Wesley Bennett and wife, by deed dated August 27th, 1895, and recorded in Deed Book No. 100, page 353.

Third—The tract of land in Mill Creek district in the name of Mary E. May, containing

1-2 ACRE

with improvements and being the same land that was conveyed to her by Lewis Glover et ux., by deed dated September 29th, 1886, and of record in Deed Book No. 83, page 207.

Fourth—The tract of land in the name of B. F. Briscoe or Briscal, in Gerrardstown district, containing

21 3-4 ACRES.

This tract of land lies outside of the town of Gerrardstown, and is improved by a dwelling house.

Fifth—The tract of land in the name of Anna B. Custer, containing

2 ACRES,

in Gerrardstown district, being the same land that was conveyed to her by J. W. Hollis, by deed dated October 20th, 1883, and recorded in Deed Book No. 86, page 49. This land is also improved by a dwelling house.

Sixth—A tract of land in the name of Thomas P. Johnson, colored, containing

6 ACRES,

in Gerrardstown district and being the same land that was conveyed to him by Nathan W. Gain, by deed dated September 14, 1898, and recorded in Deed Book No. 97, page 315.

Seventh—A tract of land in the name of William Peterson, being the same

LOT OF GROUND

in Gerrardstown district, that was conveyed to him by James Hollis, by deed dated October 11th, 1889, and recorded in Deed Book No. 86, page 469.

TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of \$25.00 and under cash on day of sale. On all sums of \$25.00 one-third of the money cash on day of sale, the purchaser to give his two notes due six and twelve months respectively from the day of sale, with interest for the deferred payments. The title in the respective tracts of land to be retained until the purchase money is paid.

CLARENCE E. MARTIN,
Commissioner of School Lands.

MR. KETTERING SHOT.

Painfully Injured by His Brother While on Hunting Trip.

Deputy Sheriff E. B. Kettering, who resides at Ganotown, was painfully but not dangerously wounded Monday afternoon by his brother, Mr. Isaac Kettering, while the two men were on a hunting trip in the mountain west of their home. They became separated in the woods, and Isaac Kettering, seeing a movement in the underbrush, some distance away, and thinking it a wild turkey, fired a charge of shot at the object. Several of the leaden pellets struck the deputy sheriff in the left arm, but fortunately none entered the head or body, and he escaped serious injury. He walked to his home, where the shot were extracted. He will be about as usual in a few days.

CAN'T DOWN IT.



"Mrs. Casey—What ails that goat? He's gittin' that impudent he's a whole house."
Dennis—Well, he believes in Lame Rule. I think.